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REMARKS

Claim 6 is pending in the application and has been amended herein. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following comments.

I. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 6 has been amended herein to recite that the menu item coordinate information and valid duration information is inserted in the transport stream data at predetermined time periods; and more specifically to recite that the transport stream data further comprises multi-angle data; and a particular data of the multi-angle data is associated with a particular menu item.

Support for such amendment is found, for example, at page 25, lines 26-29 of the present specification.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIM 6 UNDER 35 USC §101

Claim 6 remains rejected under 35 USC §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection for at least the following reasons.

In response to applicants arguments submitted in their response filed on July 29, 2005, the Examiner maintains that "claim 6 does not define a functional interrelationship among the data (the recited limitations), and as such is non-statutory." Regarding the "menu item coordinate information", "image information", and "valid duration information" in claim 6, the Examiner explains that such "information" are "merely stored so as to be read or outputted by a computing device without creating any functional interrelationship between each recited information...".

Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's conclusion, but are amending claim 6 herein in order to expedite favorable prosecution of the application. More particularly, applicants have amended claim 6 to recite with particularity the functional interrelationship among the data itself. Specifically, amended claim 6 recites how each particular menu item data included in the transport stream data is functionally

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interrelated to the multi-angle data by way of being associated with a particular data of the multi-angle data.

Thus, claim 6 now recites how the transport stream data includes the multi-angle data. A particular data of the multi-angle data is associated with a particular menu item. This, combined with the menu item coordinate information representing a display location of a menu item; the image information representing an image; the valid duration information representing the duration for which the menu item coordinate information is valid; and the menu item coordinate information and valid duration information being inserted in the transport stream data (including the image information for representing an image) at predetermined time periods, clearly defines the functional interrelationships not only with respect to the information, but the data itself.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claim 6 does in fact define statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIM 6 UNDER 35 USC §102(e)

Claim 6 also remains rejected under 35 USC §102(e) based on *Saeki et al.* Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Claim 6, as amended, recites how the transport stream data further includes multi-angle data. Particular data of the multi-angle data is associated with a particular menu item. Thus, it becomes clear that each item represented on a menu screen corresponds to each video data of the multi-angle as pointed out above.

Such features of the present invention are significant in that by selecting a selection item represented on the menu screen, it is possible to switch to each video data of the multi-angle data.

Saeki et al. simply does not teach or suggest whatsoever such combination of menu item data and multi-angle data. Nor does *Saeki et al.* teach or suggest the advantages of such features as outlined above.

For at least the above reasons, *Saeki et al.* does not teach or suggest a recording medium having each and every feature as recited in claim 6. Therefore, the

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rejection of claim 6 is improper. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 6 is respectfully requested.

IV. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, claim 6 is believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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